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The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), the organization that represents the large radio and television owners, is using its lobbyists, campaign contributions and political influence to have Congress and the Federal Communications Commission limit XM's ability to provide me with "locally oriented" content, including the new XM Instant Traffic & Weather channels. The broadcasters feel threatened by the success of satellite radio. Instead of competing and improving their services, they want the government to protect their businesses by attacking satellite radio. This same group has tried to block every innovative technology that has been warmly welcomed into America's homes and cars. In the 1940's, radio broadcasters tried to squash television. In the 1970's, AM broadcasters tried to put the kibosh on FM stations. They never win and they never learn.

The NAB might have powerful lobbyists and big bags of campaign contributions, as a loyal XM fan, I want to tell Washington to spend its time worrying about real issues. This is a question of consumer choice and the freedoms protected by the First Amendment.